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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF TERRORIST AND RELATED ACTIVITIES
MONTH OF FEBRUARY 1978

1. THIS REPORT GIVES A SUMMARY OF POLITICAL VIOLENCE AND
TERRORIST ACTIVITIES THAT HAVE BEEN REPORTED TO US BY THE
SECURITY FORCES DURING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 1978.

1. FEB 3: TWO BODES WERE FOUND IN ROSARIO. THEY HAD BEEN
GAGGED AND HANDS TIED AND SHOT. MONTONERO PAMPHLETS WERE
DISTRIBUTED IN THE AREA.

- FEB 4: MILITARY PERSONNEL CARRIED OUT AN OPERATION IN THE
AREA OF TURDURA. IN THE CONFRONTATION, ONE TERRORIST WAS
KILLED AND ONE CAPTURED.

- FEB 7: FEDERAL POLICE AGENT ESTEBAN SARAKEY WAS ASSAULTED
BY TWO ARMED MEN IN A FIAT 600 WHO STOLE HIS EAPON AND CREDENTIALS.

- ON THE SAME DATE IT WAS REPORTED THAT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY
OF PILAR IN GENERAL-VIAMONTE LOS TOLDOS RECEIVED SEVERAL PACKAGES
CONTAINING MONTONERO PAMPHLETS WHICH WERE TURNED OVER TO
POLICE AUTHORITIES.

- IT WAS ALSO REPORTED THAT A FEW DAYS EARLIER A GROUP OF
PERSONS HAD FIRED SHOTS AT AND ATTEMPTED TO BURN THE CHEVY

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AUTO AGENCY OWNED BY FRANCISCO P. MELANO IN MERLO. ONE
VEHICLE WAS BURNED AND THE GUARD, UMBERTO GILES, WAS

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- TWO ARMED PERSONS ATTACKED CPL. NICASIO LUNA OF FEDERAL POLICE PRECINCT 8 WHILE ON DUTY AT THE RECONQUISTA BRIDGE, RIVERA AND CORDOBA STS. IN MORENO. THEY STOLE HIS WEAPON AND CREDENTIALS.

- ON THE SAME DATE, FEDERAL POLICE INSPECTOR OSVALDO CANNIZZANO HEARD A LOUD EXPLOSION NEAR HIS RESIDENCE AND OBSERVED A WOUNDED PERSON RUNNING FROM THE SCENE. HE FOLLOWED THE BLOOD TRACK UNTIL HE REACHED A RESIDENCE AT FAIMALLA 758, WHERE HE FOUND DANIEL GUILLERMO VILLAR SERIOUSLY WOUNDED. VILLAR WAS TAKEN TO A HOSPITAL WHERE HE DIED. THE HOUSE AT FAIMALLA (LA PLATA) CONTAINED A DESTROYED TRANSISTOR RADIO AND MONTONERO DOCUMENTS.

- FEB 16: FOUR PERSONS IN A PICKUP TRUCK ATTACKED THE HOME OF DEFENSE MINISTER JOSE MARIA KLIX LOCATED AT VALLE 1049, BUENOS AIRES. AS A RESULT OF THIS ATTACK A CIVILIAN AND A FEDERAL POLICE AGENT WERE WOUNDED AND THERE WAS DAMAGE TO THE FRONT OF THE KLIX RESIDENCE. THE ATTACKERS FLED, DESERTING THE ATTACK VEHICLE SEVERAL STREETS FROM THE SCENE OF THE INCIDENT. NOTE: A SUBSEQUENT FEDERAL SECURITY SOURCE STATED THAT THEY BELIEVED THIS ATTACK WAS A MONTONERO TRAINING EXERCISE.

- FEB 17: AN EXPLOSIVE DEVICE WAS PLANTED IN ONE OF THE HOUSES BELONGING TO RICARDO YOFRE, UNDERSECRETARY TO THE PRESIDENT. THE DEVICE CAUSED MATERIAL DAMAGE ONLY.

- ON THE PREVIOUS DAY, SECURITY PERSONNEL RAIDED THE PREMISES IN LA PLATA BELONGING TO THE PCMLA. SECURITY FORCES FOUND TOOLS AND CHARTS AND INFORMATION ON BUILDING SAFE HOUSES. THE PREMISES HAD RECENTLY BEEN ABANDONED BY THE OCCUPANTS.

- FEB 22: THREE PERSONS IN A RED CHEVROLET ASSAULTED
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FEDERAL POLICE AGENT IN BS. AS. PROVINCE. ONE OF THE ASSAILANTS WAS WOUNDED BUT ALL ESCAPED FROM THE SCENE.

- FEB 23: A PAMPHLET BOMB WAS DETONATED AT LAVALLE 636 IN THE FEDERAL CAPITAL. PAMPHLETS WERE OF OPM ORIGIN (ORGANIZATION PERONIST MONTONERO) AND CRITICIZED THE ECONOMIC SITUATION IN THE COUNTRY.

- ON THE SAME DATE, AT ARGERICH 788, FEDERAL CAPITAL, OPM PAMPHLETS WERE FOUND STATING THEY WERE THE AUTHORS OF THE ATTACK AGAINST DEFENSE MINISTER KLIX ON 2-16-78.

- FEB 24: POLICE AYUDANTE EDUARDO NARDINI WAS ASSAULTED BY THREE INDIVIDUALS WHO STOLE HIS WEAPON AND ESCAPED IN A DARK GREEN PEUGEOT.

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- FEB 25: UNKNOWN INDIVIDUALS PLACED AN EXPLOSIVE DEVICE IN THE OFFICE OF DR. R. W. SUBIZA, AT BELGRANO AND ALEM STS IN ZARATE. THE EXPLOSION CAUSED MATERIAL DAMAGE ONLY. PAMPHLETS OF THE MONTONERO LABOR MOVEMENT WERE FOUND AT THE SCENE.

- FEB 28: POLICE AGENT OF REGIONAL UNIT #2 REPORTED THAT HE FOUND UNDER THE DOOR OF HIS RESIDENCE A COPY OF EVITA MONTONERO. THIS POLICE OFFICER HAS BEEN THE VICTIM OF SIMILAR PROPAGANDA APPROACHES IN THE PAST.

- ON THE SAME DATE, A NOTE WAS FOUND ATTACHED TO THE GLASS IN THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION LINE #10, MENDOZA, BELONGING TO THE PCML (PARTY COMMUNIST-MARXIST-LENINIST - FORMERLY VANGUARD). THE NOTE RECOMMENDED A GENERAL STRIKE TO IMPROVE SALARIES. IT WAS THE ONLY NOTE FOUND AT THE LOCATION.

- SECURITY SOURCES HAVE RECEIVED INFORMATION THAT SUBVERSIVE ELEMENTS ARE INVOLVED IN CARRYING OUT AN OPERATION CALLED "HONOR LOANS". THE PURPOSE IS TO OBTAIN SYMPATHY FROM WORKERS BY LENDING MONEY TO THEM TO HELP THEM COPE WITH THE SITUATION OF LOW SALARIES AND HIGH PRICES. THE LOANS ARE TO BE REPAID WHEN THE ECONOMIC SITUATION IMPROVES.

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RSO COMMENT: DURING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, THERE WERE NUMEROUS REPORTS OF WEAPONS BEING STOLEN FROM RESIDENCES OF POLICE OFFICERS. HOWEVER, IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE IF THESE THEFTS WERE THE ACTIVITIES OF COMMON CRIMINALS OR TERRORIST ELEMENTS. CONSEQUENTLY, THOSE INCIDENTS HAVE NOT BEEN LISTED UNDER TERRORIST ACTIVITIES IN THIS REPORT.

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